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## **WAKE COUNTY MAN FILLS HIS RAINY DAY FUND WITH “CAROLINA CASH 5” WINNINGS -Powerball Jackpot Rolls to \$105 Million!-**

**RALEIGH**-Richard Sarnicola of **Cary** couldn't sleep after he realized his "Carolina Cash 5" ticket for the Feb. 12 drawing matched all five numbers to win the top prize of \$174,261. He says he thought to himself, "This is a dream. I'm going to wake up!"

He says he eventually did get some sleep around 4 a.m., but he added that when he woke up the next morning he immediately re-checked the numbers to make sure they hadn't changed overnight. They were the same, and he was indeed the top prize winner!

Sarnicola purchased his winning ticket at the Kangaroo Express on North Harrison Avenue in Cary. He says he will put his winnings in a "rainy day fund" for the future.

The jackpot for the Wednesday, Feb. 18 Powerball drawing is up to **\$105 million!** In the Saturday, Feb. 14 Powerball drawing, a total of 57,503 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes ranging from \$50,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$729,850.

Four North Carolina tickets in Saturday night's drawing matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball. Two of the four tickets were Power Played. Since the Power Play multiplier for the drawing was five, the tickets are worth \$50,000 each. These tickets were sold at Food Lion on Grove Barton Road in **Raleigh** and Petro Express on 7405 Highway 73 in **Denver**.

The other two tickets that matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball were not Power Played and are worth \$10,000 each. These tickets were sold at Murphy Oil USA on Graham Hopedale Road in **Burlington** and Knightdale Exxon on Knightdale Boulevard in **Knightdale**.

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$6.5 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Thursday, Feb. 12. Also since Thursday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won more than \$314,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$912,000 in prizes.

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Winners in the Feb. 14 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Judith Underwood	Raleigh	\$50,000	Food Lion 4827 Grove Barton Rd., Raleigh
Unknown		\$50,000	Petro Express 7405 Hwy. 73, Denver
Unknown		\$10,000	Murphy Oil USA 512 S. Graham Hopedale Rd., Burlington
Unknown		\$10,000	Knightdale Exxon 6132 Knightdale Blvd., Knightdale

Winner in the Feb. 12 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Richard Sarnicola	Cary	\$174,261	Kangaroo Express 1032 N. Harrison Ave., Cary

Winners in the Feb. 11 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Bobby Lanning Jr.	Salisbury	\$20,000	Quik Chek 6555 Old U.S. Hwy. 52 N., Welcome

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Harold Kingery	Chesapeake, VA	\$25,000	"Pot of Gold"
Amy Campbell	Polkton	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Robert Cox	Hendersonville	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
John Joyner	Battleboro	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Robert Sullivan	Henderson	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Donald Williams	Kernersville	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Jennifer Wilson	Youngsville	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"

**"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally**

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	186

**Powerball Winners Tally**

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$2 Million - \$200,000	144
\$100,000 - \$10,000	796

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,  
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for the More at Four Program for at-risk four year olds, class size reduction, school construction and need-based college scholarships.

